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Re: New U.S. Patent Application
Title: SORT SYSTEM AND METHOD UTILIZING
INSTRUCTIONS TO DIRECT PLACEMENT
AND PROVIDE FEEDBACK
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Sir:

We enclose the following papers for filing in the United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above patent application.

1. Application - 34 pages, including 2 independent claims and 31 claims total.
2. Drawings - 15 sheets of informal drawings (Figures 1-15).
3. A check for \$958.00 representing a \$760.00 filing fee and \$198.00 for additional claims.

Applicant claims the right to priority based on Provisional Patent Application Serial No. 60/128,213 filed April 7, 1999.

This application is being filed under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(f). Applicants await notification from the Patent and Trademark Office of the time set for filing the Declaration.

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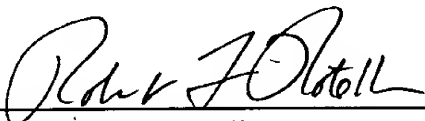
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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional filing fees due and any other fees due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or § 1.17 during the pendency of this application to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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